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RELATED INFORMATION

[The present patent application is based on U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/196,691 filed April 13, 2000, hereby incorporated by reference.]

5 This application claims priority to United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/829,364 filed 6 April 2001, entitled *Methods and Systems for Job-Based Accounting*, which claims priority to both United States Provisional Application Serial No. 60/226,187, filed 18 August, 2000 entitled *Methods and Systems for Job-Based Accounting*, to Steven B. Smith et al. and priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/198,961 filed April 21, 2000, entitled 10 *Method and System for Managing Spending Through Account Allocation*, to Steven B. Smith et al., hereby incorporated by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

15 The present invention relates generally to computer-based money management systems for users and, more particularly, to the management of financial resources through the allocation of resources to defined accounts in an automated, computer-based system.

20 Financial accounting is well-known to those skilled in the art. Accountants have been used by individuals and businesses to manage financial resources over the years. The development of the personal computer for every day use has allowed the simplification of personal and business accounting by a user. Such financial accounting programs include Quicken® by INTUIT, of Menlo Park, California, and Money® by Microsoft, of Redmond, Washington. These programs are well-known and provide the every day user with simple yet robust accounting means for tracking one's financial resources.

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